

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 14-23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 are amended, claims 9-13 are cancelled and claims 14-23 are added. No new matter is added by the above amendments. The claims are amended for clarity and conciseness.

The Examiner is requested to consider the information identified in the Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application on October 21, 2002, January 15, 2003, April 28, 2004 and July 14, 2004.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Amendment Transmittal

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